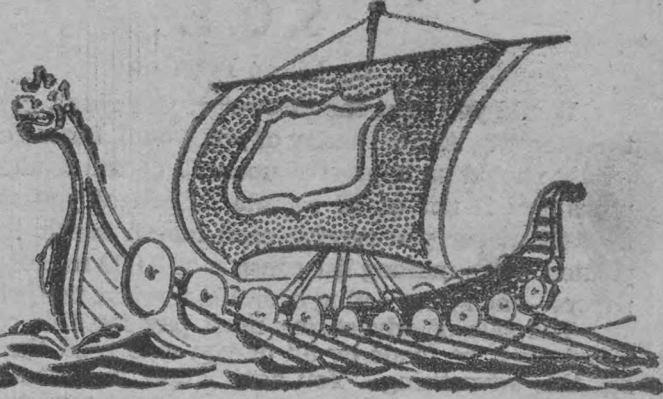


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Vasa Lodge

Skandia No. 549

Skandia Lodge No. 549 held their regular meeting on January 6th at the I.O.O.F. Temple. Yearly reports from all branches of the Lodge were read. New members of the Sick Committee are Mrs. Alice Johnson and Julius Hober. Willard Modin, Ed Bergquist, Mrs. Hansene, Pierre and Milda Beckstrom are also on for another term. The new entertainment committee are as follows: Chairman: Henry Benstrom, Assistants: Rune Anderson, Roger Ogren, Betty Pearson, Mrs. Lois Anderson and Inga Lindstrom. New visiting committee is Eric Hansene Pierre and Sig and Alice Johnson.

Initiation of new officers took place in a solemn ceremony with members of the drill team participating.

Following the meeting lunch was served and dancing proceeded until 12 o'clock with Carl Elgstrand's music. The next meeting will be held on February 4th at the I.O.O.F. Temple at 7:00 p.m. A dance will follow. Come and bring your friends and really enjoy a sociable evening.

LADIES' AID

Election of officers took place with the following being elected: President, Mrs. Betty Pearson; Secretary, Mrs. Hansene Pierre; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Pearson; Alternating Officer, Mrs. Irma McMaster; Auditors, Mrs. Gertrude Holmgren, Mrs. Emma Krag. The next ladies' aid meeting will be held on February 11th at Mrs. Alice Johnson's residence 7939-92 Avenue. The ladies are collecting Swift's labels and Nabob coupons and would appreciate any they can get from you.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren and daughter spent Christmas in Edmonton visiting relatives and friends. They are being transferred to Winnipeg by February 1st.

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Swedish Club North Star

The Swedish Club North Star held its last meeting the 14th of January in the home of Mr. R. Anderson.

Election of officers took place and the following were elected: Chairman L. Petersson, Vice chairman N. Timo, Secretary R. Anderson, and Treasurer C. Franzen.

Next meeting will be held the 18th of February in the home of Mr. L. Petersson.

English For Canada's Newcomers

Every Tuesday for ten weeks from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the Central Y.M.C.A., 10030 - 102A Avenue, under the supervision of Miss Doyle conduct Basic English Classes for New Canadians.

The classes, which are free, start on January 17th and a warm welcome is extended to all.

Icelandic Society

Mrs. Alfred Bourne of Innisfail was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Benedictson, of Jasper Place. She was in the city for the purpose of visiting the Polio ward in the University Hospital where her husband is a patient. We are glad to report that his progress towards health, though slow, is promising. Mrs. Rosa Benedictson, of Red Deer, and her sister, Mrs. Jenny Sigurdson also were in Edmonton to attend the Annual Scandinavian Night at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The annual meeting of the Icelandic Society of Edmonton was held recently in the Milner Building. In the absence of the President, Mr. N. Vigfusson, Mr. Bill Halldorson occupied the chair. Plans are under way for a gala midwinter celebration, in the form of a dance and social evening to be held in Club Mocombo the evening of Friday, Feb. 17. Particulars will be advertised in the Centre News. The summer picnic was discussed, and tentative plans are being drawn up. Following the business, an election of officers was carried out. The nominating committee of Mesdames Cameron, Henrickson, and H. Holldorson, presented a slate of officers for approval, with the following being elected: President: Mr. Norman Vigfusson; Vice-pres.: Mr. Wm. Halldorson; Secretary, Mrs. Pat Lane; Treasurer, Mr. Harold Halldorson. Lunch Convenor, Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton; Social Committee — Ernest Ledger, Don Shaw, and Mrs. Margaret Cameron. Mr. J. G. Henrickson, will act as Membership Chairman. Representing the Society on the Cultural Committee will be Mrs. Freda Smith, assisted by Mrs. Margaret Cameron and Mr. Glen Eyford. Mr. H. M. Sumarladason will convene the Publicity Committee, and Mrs. M. Cameron the Phoning group. A new section was added to the list of officers, Mrs. Vi Arnfinnson, assisted by Mr. Art Arnfinnson and Mrs. A. Mitchell will act as Visiting and Card Committee. The evening was spent in playing Bingo, with many winners of interesting prizes, presented by Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Lane. A special vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Pauline Mitchell for her energetic undertaking of Lunch Convenor for the past three years, and for the delicious refreshments enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to the J. H. Johnson family on the death of Mrs. Anna Graham Johnson, on Dec. 31, 1960. Funeral services were held in the Foster and McGarvey Funeral Chapel. Venerable Rev. W. T. Elkin officiated and interment took place in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, two daughters, Mrs. J. R. (Shirley) Lundberg of Sherwood Park and Mrs. T. G. Norris (Lois) of Edmonton, and four grandchildren.

Mr. J. Johnson, of Gimli, has returned to his home there, after

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DANIA

"BIKUBEN" had election of officers at the January meeting, the new slate as follows: President Vera Nielsen; Vice-President Ellen Clausen; Secretary Ellen Nielsen og Treasurer Inger Mogensen. We hope more ladies will join in the new year; we have big plans but we need more members to accomplish these plans. So let us see some new faces at the next meeting on Monday, February 13 at 8 p.m. The address is 10029-85 Avenue. If you would like more information before that date, just phone GE 9-0506.

As nobody has written or phoned about how many will come to the children's party "for at slaa Katten af Tonden" as you were asked to do in the last issue of this paper, we take it that you are not interested—so it has been called off. The ladies go to a lot of work and expense every year for this . . . and for what . . . we would like to know? So this year we save our effort and our money. Next year we will see if people are more interested in this annual children's party.

Here it is February and time for Dania's annual Karneval. This year we thought it should be a little different from other years, so we have decided to make it a Hans Christian Andersen theme—that means that everybody comes dressed like one of the characters from H. C. Andersen's Fairytales; not as H. C. Andersen himself as he will be there "in person". Be good sports and we should have a lot of fun. There are oodles of Fairytales to choose from, such as The Little Match Girl, the Swineherd, Hans Clodhopper, The Princess and the Pea, the Snow Queen, Great Claus and Little Claus, The Shepherdess and the Sheep, The Angel, The Red Shoes, and many more. But be sure they are H. C. Andersen's Fairytales and not Grimms.

Don't come too late! The judging will be at 10:30 and you should have danced a few dances before that. If you need someone to help you sew your costume just phone GE 9-2159; she won't overcharge you. We surely hope you will all co-operate in this to make it one of the best Karnevals to date. Do your best and come dressed as one of those Fairytale characters, please.

Mr. and Mrs. Eigil Larsen have announced the wedding of their daughter, Bente, to Allan Francis Scott, to take place on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 76 Avenue and 116 Street.

Mrs. Vera Nielsen would like to take the opportunity to thank all the ladies who were so good as to help with the lunch at the big Annual Scandinavian Night. It was a big job well done. Thank you.

If anyone is interested in obtaining Haakon Mielche's book "Canada igaar, id idag og imorgen" phone Mr. Erik Pedersen after 6 p.m. HU 8-7558 for information on how to obtain a copy.

Danak Laesning. De kan nukobe

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Sons Of Norway

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Windsor Room of the King Edward Hotel provided an impressive setting for the installation of Sons of Norway officers on Friday, January 6th.

Mr. S. A. Sorenson, Fourth District President, installed the following officers: President - Mr. K. Amdam, Vice-President - Mrs. R. Sivertsen; Secretary - Mr. E. Halberg; Assistant Secretary - Mrs. B. Hinton; Treasurer - Mr. C. Rikstad; Financial Secretary - Mr. P. Hansen; Counsellor - Mr. N. Mjaatveit; Marshall - Miss I. Lagergren; Assistant Marshall - Mrs. I. Borgeresen; Soc. Director - Mr. K. Svidal; Inner Guard, Mr. H. Logan; Historian - Mrs. R. Svidal; Jr. Director - Mr. A. Vanoni; Auditors - Mr. C. Dreyer.

Other officers for the 1961 term elected but not installed are: Trustee - Mr. M. Myhre; Musicians - Mrs. B. Lubbers and Mrs. E. Cross; Librarian, Mr. R. Helgeson; Sick Committee - Mrs. K. Amdam, Mrs. N. Naversteth, Miss R. Hammerstad; Auditors - Mr. I. Anderson and Rolf Helgeson.

The drill team under the direction of Mrs. S. Tychsen assisted Mr. Sorenson in the installation ceremony.

Following installation, members and guests enjoyed a social evening.

JR. LODGE - SUNRAY

The next regular meeting of the Jr. Lodge will be held starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Milner Building Auditorium on Thursday, February 9th.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

In order that news coverage and activities may be more extended, your correspondent urges your co-operation. Will you please telephone Mrs. K. Svidal at HU 8-6558 news, any items of interest before the twentieth of each month.

Mrs. M. MacDonald has recently been confined to the hospital and has returned to her home.

Mr. Robert Olson celebrated the New Year's season with other sports enthusiasts, skiing at Banff.

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Nordmannsforbundet

We have had our annual "SILDEAFTEN" . . . we have arranged a most successful Christmas party attended by a joyous group of the young at heart — from 4 to 64 . . . and we invite you now to join us in the first of many events for the 1961 season.

This will be featured as "FASTE-LAVNSFEST" and will take place at the McKernan Community Hall, 11341 - 78 Avenue on Saturday, February 25th at 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be available — we will have the best in music for your dancing enjoyment and we will endeavour to bring you another gay evening. We welcome you all to bring your friends and remind you also to mark your calendar for our annual Spring Frolic on April 1st at Bonnie Doon.

Finnish Society

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on February 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, 9213 - 97 St., commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All members are urged to attend.

Finnish Society's monthly dance will be held at the McCauley Hall on February 3. Coffee will be served. Welcome all!

Many thanks to Mrs. S. Vesalainen who was the hostess of last month's sewing-circle. The time and place of the next sewing-circle will be announced at the dance on February 3rd.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who helped in any way at the Jubilee Auditorium on January 21.

The employees and their families of the Conitts Machinery Company Limited held their annual contest at Lake Baptiste recently. The lucky winners of the first three prizes were: 1. Mr. P. Utunen, 2. Mrs. Utunen, 3. Mr. Christensen. Congratulations!

Starting from next month our new correspondent will be Miss Sirkka Rastas, 12038 - 45 Street, with Miss Irja Rastas assisting. It would be greatly appreciated if you would let the correspondent know of any news or announcements well in advance in order to get them in the coming issue.

The Scandinavian Centre News acknowledges with thanks a donation from Mrs. Freja Tweter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Royal Romance

A British newspaper reports that Crown Prince Harald of Norway is in love with the pretty daughter of an Oslo store owner . . . but has been told he cannot marry her because it would jeopardize the Monarchy.

Instead . . . the Tabloid Daily Sketch says . . . King Olav wants his handsome heir to marry Princess Sophia of Greece . . . 22 year old daughter of King Paul.

Prince Harald is 24. Both his sisters married commoners and lost all rights to the Throne.

The Prince's friendship with 23 year old Sonia Haraldsen has been common knowledge in Norway for some time. Neither her friends nor palace sources in Oslo would comment on the report in the Daily Sketch.

Norwegian investigations, according to the State Grain Corporation, show that the Strontium 90 content of imported Soviet grain is no higher than in grain received from other exporting countries, and less than in grain from Norway's coastal districts.

It was proposed in Helsinki that a new "Finland House" should be established in New York.

EDITORIAL

S. O. S.

By Eileen Peterson

Would you miss the "News" if you didn't get your copy this month? A great many of you would, I'm sure.

It should be impressed upon all of our readers that this possibility is not at all remote. Each of you must realize that the paper you receive each month is not the only one printed. The mailing list consists of 3,000 names—and 3,000 papers—each one costing over 10c for just the printing.

The sale of advertising must pay for this cost, and an effort must be made by all of you who read the "News" to sell this advertising. You don't know the rates? Just call me and I'll be very happy to mail a rate card to you. And please... don't just think about it... DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! The paper cannot continue to operate at a deficit.

In the past we have received some donations for which we have been sincerely grateful. We are not averse to receiving more donations — of any size.

We want the newspaper to progress and improve, and this cannot be done without your help. We want articles; we want suggestions; we want criticisms — we want anything of interest to our Scandinavian community. Among 3,000 people there MUST be one or two people who are capable of contributing to the "News", but we have yet to hear from them. Won't you take the trouble to put your thoughts down on a piece of paper? Give it to your correspondent, or send it directly to me.

Then there is the mailing list. Although I don't believe that most of our subscribers realize it, the mailing list is something else which runs into a considerable amount of money. How? Because so many people who move do not take the trouble to let us know about it. Our circulation manager is constantly striving to keep this list current; if you move, please take the time to pick up your phone and give him your new address.

In short, we must have some tangible indication of your interest in maintaining and improving the Scandanavian Centre News.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By S. A. Sorenson

The secretary's desk is bustling with activity. Letters by the hundreds are being mailed to shareholders, to partly-paid applicants, and others. The Acme index which embodies the News mailing list is ever changing, ever growing. Then there are the meeting of committees during many evenings of the month. Our hard-working auditor spent most of one day at the office making sure some three hundred letters got mailed to share applicants. Your secretary has almost become a full-time employee of the Centre.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET ON JANUARY 10, 1961

Plans were made for what is expected to be the biggest Annual General Meeting on February 21, 1961. President Art Andersen is in charge of arrangements. The Planning and Building Committee, with G. A. Larson as Chairman, reported progress. Adequate kitchen facilities for the Centre are now receiving top consideration, and discussion with Mr. Nordlie and other experts has taken place.

SHARE-SELLING COMMITTEE MEETS ON JAN. 17, 1961

A very enthusiastic meeting of the 12 Zone Directors was held. It was agreed that share-selling be continued under the present 12 captains and their teams in each zone until the objective of \$100,000 is reached. Every canvasser's goal is one share per week. More volunteers are needed, so be sure to phone the Chairman, S. A. Sorenson at GA 4-7311 during the day or HO 6-1839 evenings. If you haven't bought your share yet, be sure to contact one of the following committee:

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SCANDIPADES, JANUARY 21, 1961

The Seventh Annual Scandinavian Night, as expected, was an outstanding success. An estimated 2,000 people came to the Jubilee Auditorium to see Scandipades, drink coffee, and dance. This year's Scandipades was designed by Mr. K. L. Svidal, and the production was under the direction of Mrs. Lilly Taylor. They are to be commended on the fine theatrical performance. The artists performed their parts exceptionally well. The artistry of the back-drops, the lighting effects, and the musical background of Lilly Taylor's orchestra, added much to make Scandipades a truly finished performance.

The Scandinavian Dance proved highly successful as the dancers stepped to the lively, melodious music of Carl Elgstrand's orchestra.

The Master of Ceremonies was S. A. Sorenson, assisted by Tom Nielsen. During the course of the dance, many novelty prizes were awarded to the dancers.

The Teen-Age Frolic in the Club Rooms was a riot, as the youthful dancers rocked and rolled to the peppy music of Barry Steel's Band.

The congenial hostess for the evening was Mrs. Vera Nielsen. She was to be found close to the coffee urns, assisting her ladies in serving coffee in the large foyer.

The Seventh Annual Scandinavian Night was definitely the largest and best evening ever held by the Centre.

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According to the old legend, Berserk was the grandson of Starkader, he of the eight hands, and of Alfild, the most beautiful of all Scandinavian goddesses.

Berserk, as the saying goes, was a real toughie, he despised armor and helmet and always went into battle unharnessed or almost unarmed, save for his violent fur and love of fighting.

The name "Berserker" amongst the early Norsemen, came to be applied to a combatant whose love of war and fighting induced a frenzied state called the "berserk's course", in which he was dangerous to friend and foe alike.

But in later times the name Berserker was given to companies of hard fighters returned as body guard or special champions of Norse leaders. The term "gone berserk" indicates wild fury similar to that supposed to have been expressed by ancient Norse warriors.

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A KANGAROO FOR A CONCERT

By **BORGE MIKKELSEN**, Welfare Officer, Copenhagen

The adoption of ships by schools is a work of great educational value on the one hand and a piece of useful public relation on the other. Every sixth ship in the Danish merchant navy engaged in overseas trade now has a direct link with a school at home. A class of school children decided in their geography lesson to write to the crew of a ship sailing to places they were learning about. The crew's reply led to a further exchange of letters which set an example to other schools. That was in England in 1934 and the result was the formation of the British Ship Adoption Society to organize the "adoption" of ships by schools.

The idea was a great success. By 1948 when it had caught on in Denmark, over 1,200 British ships had been adopted by 800 schools with about 400,000 children. The Danish Ship Adoption Society has a shipowner as its chairman and the committee consists of heads of schools, teachers, and members of seafarers organizations. When a school wishes to adopt a ship it writes to the society, which selects an appropriate ship from its list and inform it of its adopters, and the contact is thus made.

A class write collective letters or may appoint a "corresponding committee." Alternately, pupils may correspond individually with members of the crew. But all correspondence must pass through the school, in order that all pupils may profit from it.

As a result of this contact between land and sea, lessons in geography, botany, zoology, and history, to name only a few of the main subjects, become much more interesting and profitable. Most schools keep a wall chart on which they record the daily movements of their adopted ships, and they also have blueprints of the vessels and so are able to become familiar with their layout. Many schools, probably the great majority, receive from the owner or a handyman on board a gift of a model of their adopted "child."

Besides letters the children receive collections of butterflies, stuffed birds and animals, specimens of native work, pressed flowers, snakes and other reptiles preserved in alcohol, animal skins, and so on.

A school whose adopted ship has made several voyages to the Antarctic received a stuffed penguin, another school a live kangaroo (which had to be lodged in the local zoo), a third a beautifully mounted collection of knots, reefs and splices, made in rope and wire by the deck-hands.

Many members of the crews share the same hobbies as the children, such as collecting stamps, matchboxes, bus tickets, coins or notes, in which case there are excellent opportunities for exchanging.

Presents from ships are kept in school cupboards and showcases, postcards and photographs in scrapbooks. The collections are of course in the charge of elected "keepers" and "archivists," the teachers' work being confined to providing advice and guidance.

In return, the schools report day-to-day events, as well as special celebrations and parties, examinations, outings, and school plays; while the crews of course take a keen interest in the progress of their schools sports teams. Weekly journals made up of newspaper cuttings are always welcome mail on board.

Letters from a ship are usually the responsibility of the radio operator or another young officer; but not infrequently of the captain. Ship clubs, which are now fairly common, can besides organizing excursions for the crews entertainments, also arrange correspondence with their schools.

Letters from ships to schools can deal with anything, from descriptions of the accommodation, the cargoes and the routes, to thrilling accounts of hurricanes in the Atlantic or typhoons in the Indian Ocean, voyages up African rivers, and dramatic adventures ashore. And just as a letter to a school, bearing foreign stamps and postmarks can

be an exciting inspiration from the great world abroad in the same way a letter from the school to the ship comes as a welcome greeting to the seafarer from home.

When an adopted ship calls at a Danish port a school visit is arranged and the children are shown round it. Educational visits of this kind can provide material for many pieces of compositions.

It is also a common practice for seamen to visit the adoptive schools when on leave and talk to them about their voyages, often showing films or transparencies. These mutual visits are unquestionably of great importance and are often imaginatively planned. For example, a crew had invited their adoptive school to visit them in Copenhagen. When the ship arrived in the Free Port the school orchestra played music on the quay as it moored.

Se well has the idea caught on in Denmark that about 200 ships—nearly one sixth of all long-distance vessels in the merchant fleet—have been adopted, by an equal number of schools: 62 in Greater Copenhagen, 126 in the provinces, and four in Slesvig (with its Danish minority), south of the border. About 1,500 items of mail pass through the office of the Ship Adoption Society every year, this is in addition to the many which are forwarded direct.

There is now a waiting list of over 50 schools, and it will be years before their wish to adopt ships can be complied with.

They are, however, regarded in every other respect as active members of the society, receiving its journal as well as offers of talks and lectures.

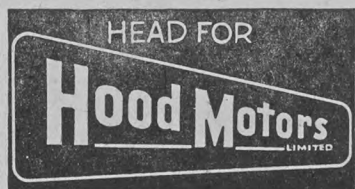
The idea underlying the promotion of ship adoption in Denmark has wider perspectives than that of pleasure with education. Since the war the Danish merchant fleet has expanded rapidly, and the problem of obtaining crews to man the ships, and of persuading young people to train as navigators, engineers, cooks, and stewards, is becoming urgent.

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young seamen were recruited in fishing villages and in ports large and small. But now there are no longer enough young men coming forward. And so a campaign has been launched to inform them, by means of talks and films, that the merchant navy needs them and offers them a career. It is believed that the best way of sustaining and strengthening the traditional interest of the Danish people in the sea is to make contact with young persons, impress on them the importance of seafaring to the nation, and tell them of the opportunities and conditions which it provides.

The United States ambassador to Finland, Mr. Session, held celebrations in honour of the recent release in U.S.A. of a stamp which introduced the late Marshal Mannerheim of Finland.

Too many fellows are sitting around the bottom of the success ladder waiting for someone to install an escalator.

COUNTRY LIFE

Well, do you like to live in the country?

Very much!

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Vasa Lodge

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Mrs. Minnie Markstrom has been a patient in the Misericordia Hospital.

Congratulations to Clifford Lindberg on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday January 14th.

Kenneth Pearson has been in Calgary for three weeks completing his welding course.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pearson and daughter left by car for a short visit to the States.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Samuelson, a daughter on December 23rd.

The 50th anniversary of the Finnish Boy Scout movement was celebrated recently in Turku. The Archbishop Ilmari Salomies enhanced the ceremonies by his presence.



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ON BEHALF OF THE Vasa Grand Lodge, District Children's Supervisor, Mrs. Margaret Eliasson, presented Jo Ann Nelsen with a cheque for five dollars as being fifth contest winner of the Helga Hoving contest. Her entry was the only one from Canada.

Dania Gym Club

Family Night, February 24, 1961, in the IOOF Hall, 8 p.m. A very good film, Trans Canada Summer, in color, will be shown. This film is one of the latest films taken of scenery across Canada. There will also be a sports film and cartoons for the younger generation. Coffee will be served. Everyone is welcome.

If anyone is interested in doing a little gymnastics to keep fit, but feel they are getting too old to join the younger groups—please call HU 9-4806 or come to the Alberta College Auditorium to the regular classes of the Dania Gym Club. The Club will be very happy to start classes for the middle-aged group.

Training nights at the Alberta College Auditorium on 100th Avenue, west 101st Street, Tuesday nights at 7:15 p.m. for ladies; Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. for boys; Thursday nights at 7:45 p.m. for men. Everyone is welcome. Membership unlimited to all nationalities. Parking is free. For further information call HU 9-4806.

Devil's Tower is a remarkable mass of igneous rock situated on the Belle Fourche river in extreme northeastern Wyoming. President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the area, including the tower, the first national monument on Sept. 14 1906.

More than three tons of clothing, donated by housewives throughout Norway, has been shipped to Athens for distribution to indigent Greeks.

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SWEDISH TWINS TEN HOURS APART—VOTE 2 YEARS APART

A twin birth with unusual consequences occurred during the New Year's at the Caroline Hospital in Stockholm. A young wife from nearby Solna on New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. gave birth to a girl, and nearly ten hours later she was delivered of a boy. The girl will be able to vote for the first time in the elections of 1982, or the year after she becomes twenty-one, while the boy, whose birth certificate is dated a year later, will have to wait until 1984. In regard to social - welfare benefits, on the other hand, the gap between the twins will be only one month.

Biggest box office earners at Oslo motion picture theaters in 1960 were three American movies — "Around the World in 80 Days," (Kr. 869,659), "South Pacific," (Kr. 625,320), and "Nun's Story," (Kr. 500,000).

Sons Of Norway

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Miss R. Hammerstad vacationed in Beaverlodge for three weeks.

Mr. Earl Berg Jr., who is studying in Toronto, spent Christmas holidays in Edmonton with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Berg.

Mr. S. A. Sorenson, Fourth District President, Sons of Norway, flew to Calgary to conduct the installation ceremonies of the Calgary Valhalla Lodge.

Mrs. C. Rikstad was recently a patient at the Royal Alexandra hospital.

Mr. Haaken Liland has left by plane to join his wife and family in Bergen, Norway.

Another traveller to Norway is Mr. Per Raam who will also be re-united with his family.

Mr. Robert Sivertsen flew to Vancouver to represent the University of Alberta at a Western Association of University Broadcasters Conference.

Mrs. R. Sivertsen has taken a mid-winter holiday to visit with relatives at Willmer, Minnesota.

Mrs. A. Loughlin and her son James flew to Honolulu to attend the marriage of Alice-Marie Loughlin to Dr. William McFarland. Mrs. Loughlin reports a wonderful trip in spite of poor travelling weather.

ALICE-MARIE LOUGHLIN WEDS IN HONOLULU

An attractive quiet ceremony at Atherton Memorial Chapel in Honolulu, united in marriage Miss Alice-Marie Loughlin and Dr. William McFarland.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. A. Loughlin of Edmonton, who, with her son James, flew to Honolulu for the wedding.

Given in marriage by her brother

James, the bride wore a cocktail gown of peau de soie and carried a prayer book with white orchids.

The reception was held in the beautiful Kaiolani Hotel.

The couple are making their home in Honolulu until the groom completes his medical internship in June. Dr. and Mrs. McFarland will then move to Los Angeles where the groom will begin his post-graduate studying.

fifteen should contact Mrs. R. Logan at GE 9-0347.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Sons of Norway Board met January 10th at the home of President K. Amdam. The meeting discussed activities for the 1961 season.

The new calendars will be published with certain changes to make them more practical.

Kindness and personal care make cows produce more milk, according to experiments at the Wiad institute for cattle breeding near Stockholm. Of five pairs of twin cows, one twin from each pair has been placed in a large collective barn where the animals receive perfect scientific care. The other twins have been entrusted to the personal care of one of the institute's assistants, Miss Svea Jonsson, who pets them, talks to them, and shows them the kind and friendly consideration of a small-farm wife. So far, "Operation Svea Jonsson" has given surprising results. The cows in the custody of the young lady have produced a letast 40% more milk than their sisters in the large impersonal barn, and in some cases they have produced 70 to 80% more.

BOWLING BY-LINE

Excitement reigns high as the Sons of Norway Bowlers meet every Monday at the Windsor Bowl.

Tied for the honor of highest team are the Midnight Suns, Norsemen and Northern Lights, and just one point behind are the Fjords and Vikings.

Mrs. F. Jacobsen and Mr. B. Olafson continue to hold the titles of high single and triple scorers.

JUNIOR BOWLERS

Sons of Norway Jr. Bowlers meet every other Saturday morning at the Windsor Bowl.

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out, but are always interested in
securing new members.

In November it was decided to or-
ganize a winter tournament for Vik-
ing Handball, Calgary, Red Deer
Handball Club and Freja Handball
Club, Edmonton, to be held in Red
Deer once a month.

The first game was played in Red
Deer on January 8, 1961. Freja won
five games out of six and the results
were as follows:

GIRLS—Freja A 18, Viking A 2;
Freja B 8, Viking B 4.
BOYS—Viking A 21, Red Deer A
11; Red Deer A 7 Freja A 16; Freja
A 10, Viking A 13; Viking B 9, Freja
B 11; Red Deer B 6, Freja B 14;
Red Deer B 8, Viking B 4.
If anyone is interested in playing
handball, please contact Jens God-
bersen.

Icelandic Society

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spending the holiday season with
his son and daughter-in-law, Mr.
and Mrs. O. W. Johnson.
Mrs. J. T. Johanson entertained
her cousin, Miss Heather Blakely,
now of Buffalo, New York, but
formerly of Toronto and Montreal,
while she was in the city with the
Ice Capades. Miss Blakely is a
member of the Ice Capettes and
this is the first time she has been
in Edmonton. Assisting Mrs. Johan-
son in welcoming the charming
visitor were Mrs. D. Smith and Mrs.
Wm. Anderson.

We note with interest that at a
symposium on religions held at
the Macdonald Hotel, on World
Religion Day, four faiths were de-
fined by four representatives respec-
tively. Representing the Baha'i
World Faith, Mr. Glen Eyford in-
formed the audience that there are
no clergy in Baha'i and that he
spoke only as a believer. He said
that the purpose of the Baha'i re-
velation is to bring humanity to-
gether as one through consultation.
He said that God has revealed Him-
self in many religions, through
prophets and acts, and Baha'i re-
cognizes them all believing that the
accumulated knowledge forms the
basis of a religion that can begin
to understand God's intentions for
man. He said all religions seemed
to be advocating unity and Baha'i
believes that unity can only be
achieved by man himself.

Having completed his contract
as a foreman on construction north
of Shalath, B.C., Mr. John Halldor-
son is in Edmonton, as a guest at
the home of his brother and sister-
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halldor-
son. We welcome him back to his
former home and hope that this
thriving city will persuade him to
locate here.

Congratulations are in order for
all those concerned with the plan-
ning and staging the Seventh An-
nual Scandinavian Night held on
Jan. 21. By all standards it proved
to be the best of the series. The
presentation of the little children
in national costume was a delight-
ful addition, and the audience show-
ed its approval on each appear-
ance. Those taking part in the Ice-
landic section were little Miss Dona-
na Cameron, Miss Gail Longmore,
Miss Jean Maxson, Master Brian
Gislason, and Master Robert Mc-
Naughton. The senior section of the
Icelandic part took the form of a
pantomime, "The Lighthouse Keeper's
Daughter." The cast included

Mrs. Freda Smith, Mr. and Mrs.
Bert Lane, Mr. Steve Benedictson,
Mr. Bill Halldorson and Mr. H. M.
Sumaridason.

If you enjoy Icelandic dishes, be
sure to attend the Icelandic Society
Dance and Social Evening at the
Club Mocombo—Friday, Feb. 17th.
If you have any newsworthy
items, send them in to your cor-
respondent, phone GE 9-0576.

CANADA AND ICELAND

Monthly Bulletin of the Depart-
ment of External Affairs, Canada,
October 1960:

Earlier this year it was agreed
to raise the status of Canadian and
Icelandic diplomatic representa-
tion to the ambassador level. On
Monday, June 20, in Ottawa, His
Excellency Thor Thors presented
to the Governor General his letters
of credence as Ambassador Extra-
ordinary and Plenipotentiary of
Iceland to Canada and on Monday,
July 4, in Reykjavik, His Excel-
lency R. A. MacKay presented his
credentials as Canadian Amba-
sador to Iceland. It is fitting, on
the occasion of this further de-
monstration of the good relations
existing between the two coun-
tries, to review briefly the history
of Canadian-Icelandic relations dur-
ing the past 90 years.

**NORSE DISCOVERERS
OF CANADA**

Of course, to be quite correct,
this history is much longer. It is
almost certain that Canada was
discovered by an Icelander, Leif
Eriksson, in the year 1000, just
after the Icelanders had colonized
Greenland. Others appear to have
followed him. Indian hostility pre-
cluded settlement in Markland
(perhaps Newfoundland or Nova
Scotia) and Vinland (perhaps Nova
Scotia or Cape Cod), but timber
continued to be fetched from the
shores of the New World for the
Greenland colonies, until their sud-
den decline in the fourteenth cen-
tury. Where originally did these
hardy seafarers come from?

Iceland is an island consisting
of some 40,000 square miles of vol-
canic mountains, glaciers and hot
springs, which lies just below the
Arctic Circle in the same latitude
as Nome (Alaska) and southern
Baffin Island. However, it is warm-
ed by the Gulf Stream and there-
fore enjoys a damp and relatively
warm climate. During this century
it has apparently once again be-
come warmer, as it was in 870
A.D., when it was first settled by
Norsemen from Norway and, add-
ing a Celtic admixture, from north-
ern Great Britain. At that time
the island was sparsely forested,
but today it is almost devoid of
trees.

HISTORY OF ICELAND

From Iceland colonies were later
established in Greenland. A parlia-
ment, the Althingi, which is the
world's oldest known democratic
assembly of its type, was first
held in 930 A.D., and in 1262 the
country linked itself by treaty with
the king of Norway. When in 1387
all the Scandinavian countries were
united under the Danish king, Ice-
land also accepted his rule. It re-
mained in a personal union with
Denmark until 1944.

In the intervening centuries,
however, the island fell upon diffi-
cult times. The population, which
is estimated to have been between
70,000 and 80,000 at the end of the
eleventh century, was greatly re-
duced by various natural disasters
such as the Black Death, which
between 1402 and 1404 took the
lives of two out of every three in-
habitants. At the beginning of the
eighteenth century, there were 50,-
000 inhabitants but hardship and
famine in part due to the unfav-
ourable climatic cycle through
which Northern Europe was then
passing, further reduced their
numbers. The population increased
once again during the nineteenth
century and by 1870 some of the
younger men of the island were

NEW YEAR'S EVE ADDRESS

STOCKHOLM, January 17—"We
have no reason to paint the future
in bright colors, but neither should
we use only black ones. As human
beings we have a duty to try to
view the dangers with clear eyes,
but we have also the duty and the
responsibility not to frighten. We

prepared to venture abroad in
search of a better living.

FIRST ICELANDIC
SETTLERS IN CANADA

The first four emigrants from
the island came to the Province
of Quebec in that year en route
to Wisconsin, where they settled.
In 1872 Captain Sigtryggur Jonas-
son, who eventually became a
member of the Manitoba legis-
lature, followed them, but, instead
of going on to Wisconsin, spent
the winter in the Muskoka area
of Ontario. Being favorably im-
pressed, he persuaded a further
party of 365 Icelandic immigrants
to join him in that area in 1874.
They were in turn joined by another
group that had originally settled
in Tangier, near Halifax. In the
following year, 1875, these two
groups decided, for a number of
reasons, to try their luck further
west and established a colony on
the shores of Lake Winnipeg in
an area that was then part of the
Northwest Territories. They nam-
ed their settlement Gimli (literally,
"Lee-of-Fire"; the ultimate Norse
heaven). The Governor General of
the day, Lord Dufferin, whose
book on Iceland, *Letters from High
Latitudes*, had appeared in 1857,
visited the colony in 1877 during
his historic western tour and made
them a speech of welcome. From
1878 to 1887 their colony, known
as New Iceland, remained a self-
governing republic under a con-
stitution granted because of the
almost complete absence of ad-
ministration in the Territory of
Keewatin, in which it lay and which
had been created in 1876. Its in-
habitants spread to Winnipeg,
Saskatoon and even to the Pacific
coast south of Vancouver. In 1886,
the Canadian Government appoint-
ed B. L. Baldwinson as an im-
migration agent to encourage Ice-
landic migrants to settle in Canada.
He was responsible for bringing, in
all, some 7,000 immigrants into
Manitoba from Iceland. Meanwhile,
conditions on the island had con-
tinued to improve and, from 1920
until the present, the number of
immigrants to Canada from Iceland
has been negligible (During the
period from January 1951 to June
30, 1959, only 360 came to this
country.) The original colony,
however, continued to thrive and
to expand and today it is reckoned
that there are at least 26,000 Cana-
dians of Icelandic descent, of whom
over half live in Manitoba. This
is the largest Icelandic community
outside Iceland itself, the popula-
tion of which today is about 175,000.

MEMBERS OF THE THREE
SCANDINAVIAN ROYAL
HOUSES are joining in the cele-
bration of the 50th anniversary of
the American-Scandinavian Founda-
tion during visit to New York
this fall. First came Crown Prince
Harald of Norway and then King
Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Den-
mark, while Princesses Birgitta
and Desiree of Sweden are expect-
ed in November. The American-
Scandinavian Foundation, a pio-
neer in academic and cultural ex-
change, was founded by Niels Poul-
son, the son of a Danish day la-
borer, who emigrated to the U.S.
at the age of 21 and rose to modest
wealth as president of Hecla Iron
Works in Brooklyn.

"Carmen" had its premiere at the
Norwegian Opera on Jan. 19. All
tickets sold for 16 of the 27 per-
formances scheduled.

have the right to hope that the fu-
ture of the world, and humanity's
journey, will become easier, that
the good, constructive forces will
triumph over misery and cruelty,"
Eyvind Johnson, member of the
Swedish Academy, said in an ad-
dress over the Swedish radio on
New Year's Eve.

"We cannot, in some kind of
idealization of the world of today,
deny that evil and wrong exist: we
know they do. We know that there
are autocrats who use every means,
political cunning as well as open
or disguised violence, to turn
events in the direction best suiting
them or their power groups. We
know that hunger and half-starva-
tion prevail in large areas of the
world. There are still occupied na-
tions who used to be free—nations
in the proximity of the free North.
We know that different forms of
slavery exist, spiritual and phys-
ical slavery . . .

"Her in Sweden one can find a
certain feeling of security. It is
good to have, it is obviously a value,
a form of happiness. But it can also
be dangerous. It can lead us blindly
on, it can grow into a feeling that
in fact means isolationism, egoism,
self-conceit and self-sufficiency;
it can lead us to a repudiation of
the rest of the world . . . We live
in a small country, which we love
because it is our own, our home on
earth. We enjoy a freedom and a
right of self-determination which
are great compared with those of
many other peoples. This imposes
on us a responsibility, not only to
ourselves but to the world at
large."

Mr. Johnson, a prolific prose
writer, is best known for his "Kri-
lon" trilogy, in which he gives a
symbolic description of the salvag-
ing of humanism and western cul-
ture from violence, nihilism, and
barbarism. One of his books has
been published in New York under
the title "Return to Ithaca."

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WELL DONE!

By Kris Seeberg

It was expressed by many, and might have been admitted by several more Scandinavians who attended the Annual Scandinavian Night that they were painfully sceptical about what was in store for them. Last year's performance in the Auditorium, and the summer presentation at Elk Island, had given us all an alarming premonition that some committee would again let a golden opportunity of embodying the Scandinavian idea slip by.

So — the near 2,000 Scandinavians and their friends, waiting as the Auditorium lights were dimmed at 8:12, were fairly certain that what was written in the January edition: "Your evening's enjoyment will be added to by a ten-minute intermission" would be painfully true.

And then it simply happened that even the most sceptical of sceptics within a minimum of time was enjoying a maximum of pleasant surprise. The whole presentation of the five Scandinavian countries was done in an unpretentious manner, in a tasteful and decorative setting.

There is no doubt that sulky critics may deride the performance as being highly amateurish — and that may be so — but so should it also be. No one looks for the ultimate in the theatrical profession on such a night... all that is sought are fellow Scandinavians

who, talented or not, are willing to entertain their friends for an evening and do it the best way they know how. In this they succeeded, and from this point of view, which should be the only one, the whole evening was a complete success.

Let us at this time not criticize, but rather encourage these few willing friends to continued efforts on behalf of the Scandinavian Centre. At this year's presentation there prevailed a feeling of Scandinavian togetherness among young and old alike.

It is obvious, though, that even if the Auditorium is the best place available to day for a large Scandinavian gathering, it does not fulfill all our needs. What would be better, then, for the 2,000 grateful guests for whom so few did so much, than to do something about this in return? All that is needed is some kind, any kind of active support of the Scandinavian Centre Project — and if this is being done by all, we can enjoy our presentations in our own house, and have our future Scandinavian Nights at "home".

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